GUIDE TO THE SR9 CARIB FILE

[This file is concerned with the Acawai, Acuria, Waica and true Carib (Galibi) of Guyana, who speak languages of the Cariban linguistic stock. They subsisted aboriginally by slash-and-burn agriculture, but also hunt, fish and gather wild fruits, seeds and roots. Manioc is the staple starch. Each Carib community is politically autonomous under a headman with limited authority. The file is concerned specifically with one small group, the Barama River Carib of northern Guyana. These Carib have been studied by two anthropologists, John Gillin in 1932-1933 and Kathleen Joy Adams in 1970-1971. 1: Gillin is mainly concerned with a detailed analysis of the elements of social organization and personality factors which tend toward the integration or dissolution of the settlement. Other aspects of culture are treated topically. 2: Adams is a restudy of the community, with particular emphasis being given to changes in demography, settlement patterns, and social organization. It also contains a large amount of data derived from archives and government census reports. While the file is not particularly good one for comparative purposes, the original report has been used in many cross-cultural studies, and for some purposes it has proven to be adequate. There seem to be no other original reports on this particular Carib group. The file was processed in 1955 and 1974.]